

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Norikazu OTA et al. Group Art Unit: 2627

Application No.: 10/799,608 Examiner: M. KAYRISH

Filed: March 15, 2004 Docket No.: 119100

For: HEAD SLIDER, HEAD GIMBAL ASSEMBLY, AND HARD DISK DRIVE

AMENDMENT FILED WITH RCE

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the November 14, 2006 Office Action, in conjunction with the Request for Continued Examination concurrently filed herewith, the shortened statutory period for reply having been extended by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, please consider the following:

Amendments to the Claims as reflected in the listing of claims; and Remarks.